

CLAIMS

1. A cyanine dye which bears within the same molecule a plurality of cyanine dye skeletons coupled each other by a divalent group and also as counter
5 ion an anion of organometallic complex, as well as substantially absorbing light at a wavelength longer than 700 nm.

2. The cyanine dye as described in claim 1, which is substantially not decomposed when irradiated with 5 mW/cm² laser for 200 hours at a wavelength of 780 nm.